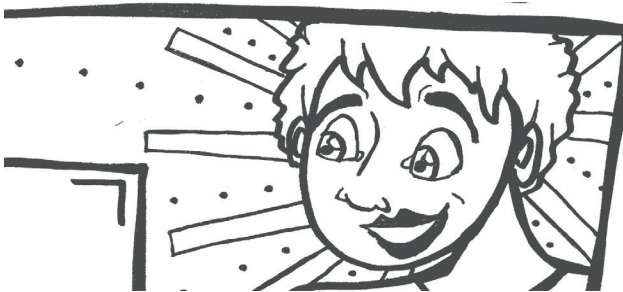




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CAMPUS

Moody sky bridge opening delayed

By Zach Lyons
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The newly constructed Moody sky bridge will not likely open until after spring break because of needed finishing touches, despite a projected Feb. 26 opening date.

Unfinished work on the bridge's northern entrance in the Belo Center for New Media and an inspection showing several places on the bridge that needed paint touch-ups will delay the opening, Bob Rawski, director of Austin Region for the

UT System Office of Facilities Planning and Construction.

"Rather than open it up and then have partial closures to do this, we felt it would be better to just delay the opening a bit," Rawski said, "Because it's so visible, so important, we want it to look good."

Potentially adding to the delay is a plan to add a protective coating to the surface that was initially tabled for budgetary reasons but is being reconsidered because of savings during construction, Rawski said. The coating would give pedestrians better traction when walking

on the bridge during wet conditions and extend the lifespan of the bridge's surface.

Although the bridge's opening has been delayed, kinesiology senior Daniel Vertiz said he thinks the bridge will be useful and add to the aesthetics of the communication school.

"I think [the bridge] will make it a lot easier for people to cross and facilitate traffic flow a little better," Vertiz said. "It's [also] valuable as far as adding architecture to our school."

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Construction for the Moody sky bridge was completed in February, but the bridge remains closed and will not open until after spring break.

SG

GSA results postponed until Friday, if not longer

By Cassandra Jaramillo
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Although some campus-wide election results will be announced on Thursday, results for the Graduate Student Assembly will be embargoed until the appeals process is complete by the Sahil Bhandari and Michael Scott campaign.

Earlier this week, the University Election Supervisory Board, which supervises all campus-wide elections, disqualified the Bhandari-Scott campaign from the GSA election after GSA President Brian Wilkey filed a complaint. His complaint stated the Feb. 26 Longhorn Cattle Call was misrepresented as an event hosted by the Graduate Students Assembly's Legislative Affairs Committee and the UT Graduate Students Against Campus Carry, a group that endorsed Bhandari and Scott, when GSA did not partner with the latter organization. Following the disqualification, Bhandari submitted an appeal for the Election Oversight Board, which is GSA's appellate court, to hear his case.

Vance Roper, vice president of GSA, said the organization will hold a special session on Friday at 2:30 p.m., where voting members will approve the three-member board. A required two-thirds approval is needed to move forward in the process. Without the minimum approval to convene an Election Oversight Board, results could get postponed until next week.

However, if an Election Oversight Board is approved on Friday, Roper said a hearing on the Bhandari-Scott appeal will happen immediately after on the same day.

If the Election Oversight Board upholds the ESB disqualification ruling, then voting from March 2-3 will be certified and results will be announced. On the other hand, if the board overturns the ESB disqualification ruling, then a re-vote will occur.

CITY

Voters in local precincts root for Rubio

By Forrest Milburn
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The majority of the five precincts surrounding campus agreed with Travis County as a whole by voting in favor of Sen. Marco Rubio (R-FL) in his race for the Republican presidential nomination on Tuesday.

Precinct 208, which includes the Flawn Academic Center inside of the precinct, voted in favor of Rubio 55 percent to 19 for Sen. Ted Cruz (R-TX), Texas' home state senator.

In the four other local precincts — 124, 152, 206 and 325 — Republican voters supported Sen. Marco Rubio (R-FL), with only one, precinct 325, going to Sen. Ted Cruz (R-TX).

Cruz received 28 percent to Rubio's 29 in Travis County overall. However, the Texas senator won the state as a whole with 44 percent to frontrunner Donald Trump's 27 percent.

Democratic voters in all campus precincts overwhelmingly supported Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-VT), while former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton edged out Sanders 53 percent to 47 in precinct 325.

Despite the outpouring



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UT students and Austin citizens wait in line outside the Co-Op, ready to cast their vote in local and national primaries this past Super Tuesday.

of support for Sanders from campus voters, Clinton won Texas with 65 percent to 34 for Sanders. In Travis County, however, Sanders won 51 percent of the vote to Clinton's 48.

The race for House District 49, the open State House seat serving all of UT and West Campus, featured a field of seven Democrats running to replace Rep. Elliott Naishtat, who served the district for 25 years.

Even with a 7-candidate race, Gina Hinojosa, Austin ISD school board member, swept the district with 55 percent of the vote, avoiding a runoff and earning her a spot in the legislature next session.

UT law professor Heather Way and Huey Rey Fischer, a 2014 graduate and former legislative aide, came in at second and third place, respectively. Fischer, who campaigned as the "student's choice" in the race, won two out of the five precincts in and around campus, while the rest went to Hinojosa.

CAMPUS

Campus organization holds LGBT workshop

By Nancy Huang
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UT students gathered at the College of Liberal Arts on Wednesday to discuss gender identities and strategies for handling discrimination in everyday scenarios.

The discussion was part of a "Queer on Campus" workshop presented by Peers for Pride, a campus program that teaches members theater techniques and facilitation skills so that they can conduct workshops and presentations exploring the lives of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender men and women. Members acted out scenes involving everyday conflicts of queer

people on campus.

"I was really impressed with how many issues they were able to put out and address in just two scenes," said Shouko Morikawa, a graduate student in clinical social work and previous member of Peers for Pride. "There were a lot of issues about various intersecting identities — for instance, the idea of addressing cisgender privilege."

The group acted out scenarios including employer and employee dynamics and LGBT couple dynamics.

"[The scenarios also addressed] just how negative it can be to combat a

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UNIVERSITY

UTPD rolls out rules against skating

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Skating to class is a popular form of transportation among students, but recent UTPD reports of criminal mischief involving skateboards warn students to only use their boards in permitted contexts.

While the University allows the use of skateboards and longboards as a transportation method on campus, UTPD Officer William Pieper said performing stunts and tricks on campus property is prohibited because of injury risks for the skater and potential damage to University property.

Pieper said skaters could




A student skates through campus near Mary E. Gearing Hall on Wednesday afternoon.

Juan Figueroa
Daily Texan Staff

be given citations or, in some cases, be arrested for criminal mischief or reckless damage if they affect property or skate in a prohibited location.

"When they do perform their stunts on benches or handrails and jump off of walls, curbs [and] trash cans, it causes damage," Pieper said. "It chips and grinds down the paint and causes dark marks along the side, which is criminal mischief."

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HEALTH

Typing up a new way to diagnose diseases

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Words per minute is not the only thing researchers can tell from a keyboarding test. UT scientists are analyzing typing patterns to diagnose patients with neurodegenerative diseases, such as Parkinson's. Neuroscience adjunct assistant professor Diane Whitmer has developed an algorithm to track typing patterns, paying close attention to factors such as speed and positioning. Because many people who have Parkinson's fatigue more easily than their healthy counterparts, these patients' typing gets much more erratic over time. Whitmer and her colleagues have two main research goals. They hope to perfect their quantitative method for detecting Parkinson's from typing patterns and to correlate those patterns with the severity of the disease.

"What we have found to be most predictive in differentiating between Parkinson's and the control group is really the variability in how long the keys are held down over a course of time," Whitmer said. Researchers found that the difference in speed between the two hands was another telling factor in detecting Parkinson's, according Matthew Cowperthwaite, director of research at the Neuro-Texas Institute. "That sort of asymmetry is one of the types of patterns that underlines Parkinson's disease," Cowperthwaite said. To detect these patterns, Whitmer and her colleagues are using a technology that records keyboarding movements with sub-millisecond precision. "With the right tools and data, we can target things many people don't even consider a disease, such as a specific emotional state, like anxiety," Cowperthwaite said.

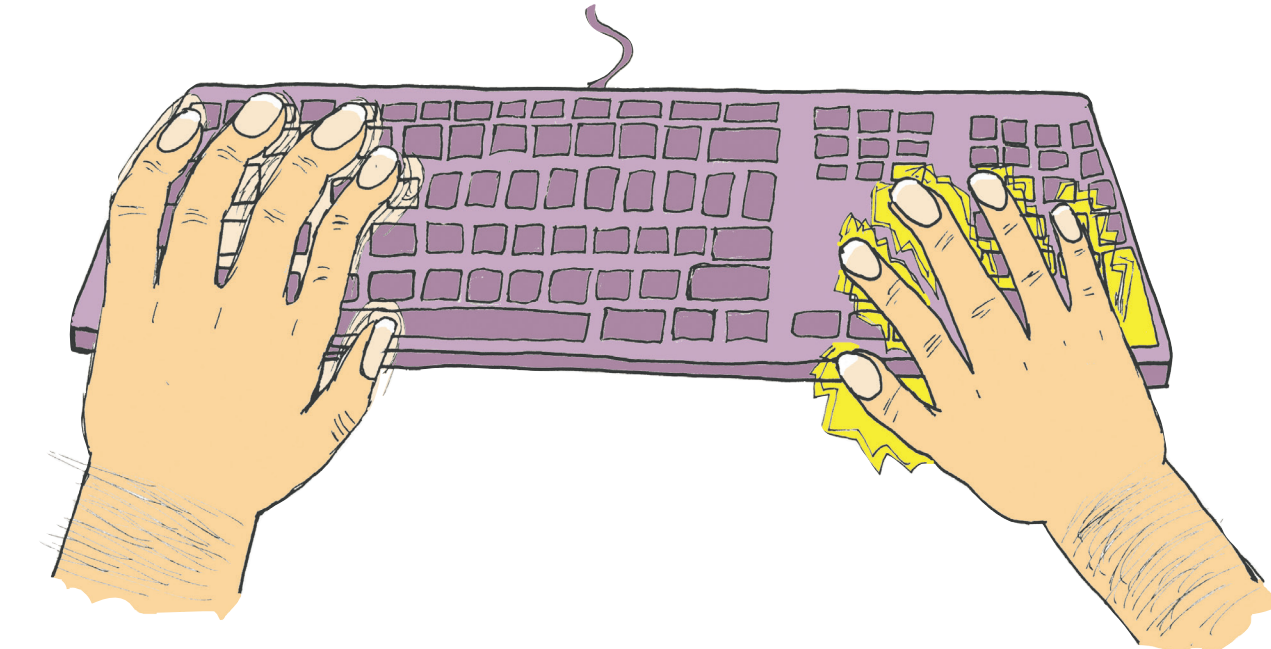


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Whitmer said this technique may eventually diagnose nearly every neurological disease, including depression and Alzheimer's. She hopes that in a later stage of development, their keyboarding analysis will not only function as a diagnostic

tool, but also as a clinical assessment tool, which could tell neurologists how a disease is progressing. Whitmer said she was inspired by the security and privacy industry, which has been analyzing typing patterns for decades to identify

individuals. Now her research has brought it into the healthcare field. The researchers are now waiting for their results to be peer reviewed as they work on starting their company, TyPos. Cowperthwaite said they hope to have the com-

pany up and running within the next three to six months. "I think the final results are going to be really interesting," Cowperthwaite said, "It's going to position us to look at a lot more diseases and work on consumer applications."

ENGINEERING

Grad student co-invents breakthrough for hepatitis C drug

By Freya Preimesberger
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A UT graduate student has helped reduce hepatitis C treatment from 18 pills a day to just one. Angela Wagner, a chemical engineering Ph.D. candidate and member of UT professor Nicholas Peppas' research group, co-developed a new drug called Zepatier. The Food and Drug Administration

recently approved Zepatier for the treatment of the most common type of chronic hepatitis C. Zepatier is more affordable than other hepatitis C medications, which can cost up to \$94,500. Hepatitis C is a viral blood-borne disease that inflames the liver. The majority of people with the disease develop chronic hepatitis C, which is associated with liver scarring

and even cancer. An estimated 3.5 million people in the U.S. are infected with chronic hepatitis C, according to the National Institute of Health. Previous treatments required patients to take large amounts of pills, which only worked 50 to 70 percent of the time, according to Wagner. While employed at the pharmaceutical company Merck, Wagner and seven

other researchers aimed to mitigate previous hepatitis C treatment problems. Fewer pills means patients are more likely to complete their courses of medicine. "Prior treatments for hepatitis C often involve a high pill burden, so patients have to take up to 126 capsules a week, which often can lead to noncompliance," Wagner said. "Our goal was to get it down to one pill a day." The FDA granted Zepatier

Breakthrough Therapy designation, which expedites the development and review of new drugs. This designation accelerates clinical trials for pharmaceuticals that show promise for treating serious conditions. The time line to market is reduced by about half. Merck priced the drug at \$54,600 for a twelve-week course, which means it is much less expensive than other therapies for hepa-

titis C. Robert McMahon, Merck's president, expects that the low price will help to increase patients' access to treatment and reduce the burden of the disease, according to Merck's press release. "It's really important that your work helps the patient because that's what you're striving to do every day," Wagner said. "I think every scientist's dream is to have their work mean something."



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UT graduate student Angela Wagner is co-developing a new drug called Zepatier which treats hepatitis C. Zepatier would be an important medical advance because it is more affordable than current medication and it is only one pill a day as opposed to eighteen.

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EDITORIAL

Vote Helgren-Kim for executive alliance

Editor’s Note: As candidates in other races, associate editors Alexander Chase and Mary Dolan recused themselves from the editorial decisions to endorse candidates for the positions of executive alliance and University-wide representative.

Inevitably, when the time for campus-wide elections rolls around each year, the irritation of many students is palpable on a campus otherwise occupied by campaign teams staked out in full. Before campaigning began, we believed our voices would join the communal groan of an apathetic student body.

But after considering the Daily Texan-hosted candidate debate, the editorial board’s interviews with the candidates and the candidate endorsement questionnaires, it became clear that the University is fortunate to have four different teams in the race who sincerely aspire to lead the student body and contribute to its good.

The alliance of Daniel James Chapman and Austin James Robinson, while using humor in their campaign, have what this editorial board determined to be the most ambitious and comprehensive platform, demonstrating that this tuned-in alliance has the policy fluency to contribute more than just laughs to Student Government.

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The unprecedented success of Xavier Rotnofsky and Rohit Mandalapu last year demonstrated students’ desire for a Student Government shake up and willingness to vote for it. Students have the chance to fully realize what began last year through a better developed and motivated team.

The alliance of Jonathan Dror and Delisa Shannon contribute enthusiasm through their spirit- and engagement-oriented platform, earnestly endeavoring to improve students’ experience and involvement on the 40 Acres.

But, the substantial merits of both the Chapman-Robinson and Dror-Shannon campaigns do not prevent two candidacies from standing out: the alliances of Kallen Dimitroff-Jesse Guadiana and Kevin Helgren-Binna Kim.

Dimitroff, who first became involved in Student Government in the fall of 2012, has a record of service that speaks for itself. She was the most effective University-wide representative in the 2015–2016 Student Government Assembly. Guadiana also has an outstanding record of service through his work in tradi-



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tionally underserved communities as a leader in the Multicultural Engagement Center and its related agencies. Their partnership unites Dimitroff’s effectiveness within the establishment with his fresh perspective to form a formidable alliance.

Dimitroff and Guadiana have a long list of worthy goals. Notable among these are beginning a retreat in the mold of Camp Texas for first-generation students, securing a permanent endowment for Voices Against Violence and challenging Aramark’s concerning hold on our campus’s food.

The Helgren-Kim alliance offers a fundamentally different vision of student governance and advocacy. Introducing their alliance to the University through their popular “Share Your Story” social media campaign, it would be easy to mistake Helgren-Kim as a small-scale Humans of New York that confuses conversation with policy changes. But this would be a mistake.

The selling point of Helgren-Kim, who have a relatively narrow yet viable platform, is the culture change they aspire to create within Student Government. While Dimitroff-Guadiana have also spoken about the problems that have

dwindled both student interest and faith over the years, Helgren-Kim is the only team that prioritizes combating the caustic culture that poisons Student Government.

When casting your vote this year and choosing between two well-qualified teams, this election will be more an indication of what students are looking for from SG.

If you believe that Student Government should be a vehicle for passing legislation that will add to student life, vote for Dimitroff-Guadiana. More than any other team, students can trust Dimitroff-Guadiana to devote their time and resources to accomplish policy points.

But, if you want to see a greater culture change within Student Government, vote for Helgren-Kim. Despite neither possessing Dimitroff’s successful legislative record and Guadiana’s large-scale student leadership experience, they can be most reasonably entrusted to make internal changes that will empower the organization to better represent students in the future and restore student confidence and interest.

Can a culture change be quantifiably measured? Probably not. But it is the opinion of this Editorial Board that before Student Government can be truly effective, this change must take

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place. For that reason, we endorse Helgren-Kim.

This Editorial Board agrees that students need a significant culture change from the next executive alliance. The unprecedented success of Xavier Rotnofsky and Rohit Mandalapu last year demonstrated students’ desire for a Student Government shake up and willingness to vote for it. Students have the chance to fully realize what began last year through a better developed and motivated team.

Voting in campus-wide elections will take place from 8 a.m. on Wednesday, March 2, through 5 p.m. on Thursday, March 3, online at www.utexasvote.org.

EDITORIAL

Choose student representatives wisely

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Like other representative positions in the Student Government Assembly, University-wide representatives are charged with writing and voting on legislation, advocating for pertinent and effective changes on the student body’s behalf and being present at weekly meetings of the Student Government Assembly.

Unlike other representatives, University-wide representatives are tasked with representing a diverse student body of over 50,000 and advocating for its varied needs. The importance of student representation should not be eclipsed by the relative unproductiveness of Student Government in years past. In choosing to endorse candidates for University-wide representative, this editorial board considered the platforms of the twelve candidates for the position, listed in order of the editorial board’s support.

Santiago Rosales

Rosales has a track record that proves that he is more than worthy of another year serving as University-wide representative. He has authored two resolutions in his time within Student Government and has an extremely comprehensive plan to make UT a much more inclusive and affordable institution. Because of all this, we believe that Rosales is the ideal candidate for University-wide representative.

Connor Madden

Madden currently serves as a Liberal Arts representative and previously served as a Longhorn Legislative Aide. His experience within Student Government and his desire to unite the student body through community service makes him a strong candidate.

Micky Wolf

Wolf currently serves as a McCombs representative and received the honor of being named an “Outstanding Representative.” We endorse Wolf because of his focus on inclu-

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sivity within Student Government, ideas for fixing broken projects and overall desire to increase voter turnout.

Aaron Arnett

As one of the younger candidates, Arnett brings an interesting perspective to Student Government. His previous experience as a first-year representative, as well as his focus on tangible solutions, make him a strong candidate.

Cameron Maxwell

Maxwell comes from two backgrounds that are underrepresented on campus. As an African-American transfer student, Maxwell has combatted struggles that are largely unknown to many of the students within Student Government. His focus on integrating Student Government with the Multicultural Engagement Center and Department of Diversity and Community Engagement makes him one of the only candidates with clear goals and plans for fostering inclusivity. We strongly endorse Maxwell.

Madison Huerta

Huerta’s passion exudes in each and every



Courtesy of University-wide representative candidates

Top row, from left to right: Aaron Arnett, Connor Madden, Cameron Maxwell, Drew Orland. Second row, from left to right: Vignesh Ramdas, Santiago Rosales, Micky Wolf. Not picture: Madison Huerta.

one of her platform points. Her desire to combat Student Government apathy is the very thing that the organization needs to focus upon, and it’s because of this that we strongly endorse Madison Huerta for University-wide representative.

Vignesh Ramdas

While lacking in Student Government experience, Ramdas has a deep understanding of the current problems within the organization. We endorse Ramdas because of his desire to localize SG issues, focus on post-legislation accountability and pass policies directed towards crime on campus.

Drew Orland

Though Orland is an outsider with regard to Student Government, his prior experience and involvement on campus is notable.

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Whatever experience he lacks, he makes up for in passion and plans. We endorse Orland because of the dynamic he offers to Student Government and his focus on creating an LGBT-friendly campus.

It is the opinion of this editorial board that the above candidates can best serve student needs for the 2016–2017 Student Government Assembly.

MOVIE

Zootopia film uses animals to make real world prejudices come alive

By Charles Liu
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In “Zootopia,” Disney brings the animal kingdom into the 21st century, trading the jungles for a forest of skyscrapers. Animals as big as lumbering elephants and as tiny as scurrying shrews occupy the titular city, wearing clothes, walking the same streets and regularly using smartphones and cars. Zootopia’s locales and technology are conceived with meticulous attention to detail and function, and one often gets the sense that animal engineers actually built it. It is an inviting, seemingly perfect world that feels lived-in.

However, the relationships between predator and prey in

Zootopia are hardly utopian. Though they coexist, the metropolis’ many carnivores and herbivores have a history of enmity that belies their modern-day interactions. Lions and sheep still aren’t the best of friends, and neither are rabbits and foxes.

Rookie rabbit cop Judy Hopps (Ginnifer Goodwin) was bullied by a fox classmate in her childhood and has received multiple warnings about the wily critters from her parents. Unlike other rabbits, though, she refuses to stereotype and remains open-minded as she sets off for Zootopia.

To her dismay, Judy’s co-workers don’t share her idealism. On her first day at the police department, Captain Bogo

(Idris Elba), an imposing cape buffalo, assigns the diminutive Judy to traffic duty while the rhinos, bears and tigers go off in search of missing animals.

Judy eventually encounters Nick Wilde (Jason Bateman), a sly and sardonic fox who will do anything to make a quick buck. She detests him, while he finds her naïve, if somewhat amusing. Nonetheless, Judy recognizes Nick’s intelligence and enlists his help after she takes on a missing otter case. As they investigate further, they stumble upon a conspiracy which could damage the unity of predator and prey in Zootopia for good.

The detective story has enough twists and turns to keep young and old audiences intrigued, drawing

comparisons to other cop and crime films with its rich cast of characters.

The stakes are high in this picture, but screenwriters Jared Bush and Phil Johnston balance out the film’s weightier aspects with a multitude of clever jokes and pop-culture references. As the story progresses, it is revealed the DMV is, appropriately, run by sloths, and that wolves fear their inability to control their howls.

Goodwin imbues Judy with an enormous positivity, and the animators have given her character cute rabbit tics, like a twitching nose and restless feet, that make her even more lovable. Bateman’s character, Nick, emotes sleazy cynicism, which contrasts Goodwin’s endearing goodness, but he

also offers insight into the fox’s fundamental sadness — Nick resigns himself to the life of hustling that all the other animals assume he inhabits.

Prejudice mars the world of Zootopia. The speciesism in the film is racism in a fantasy context, and gender issues also arise when Judy encounters opposition from her peers who want to see her fail. Fear-mongering turns species against one another, and prey mistreat predators, labeling them as “savages,” because of their fierce appearances. Even Judy succumbs to her social conditioning — how can we expect her to shake her fear of foxes when everyone else considers them scum?

Directors Byron Howard and Rich Moore aren’t shy

“ZOOTOPIA”
Running Time: 108 minutes
Rating: PG
Score: 4.5/5

about the message they want to deliver, so kids will easily pick up on the “anyone can be anything” lesson. For adults looking for nuance, “Zootopia” sustains its theme in subtler ways threaded throughout the story, and it uses our own preconceived notions of certain animals to subvert expectations.

Heartwarming, funny and, above all else, relevant, “Zootopia” doesn’t make a fresh point about equality and acceptance, but it does a fantastic job conveying it.

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eukaryotes such as plants, it is rare in archaea.

According to Baker, studying Hadesarchaea’s unusual metabolic processes is helping to expand the genetic tree of life.

“Almost half of their genes are different from anything we’ve seen before,” Baker said. “Now that we have the genomes, it gives us a better idea of what this part of the tree of life looks like.”

Craig Linder, an associate professor of integrative biology at UT, said he is excited about expanding the tree of life.

“It’s one of the grand projects in biology,” said Linder. “We’re trying to determine the

relationship between all the existing species on the planet, at the very least.”

Kiley Seitz, a marine science graduate student who works with Baker, said archaea and other microorganisms are responsible for processes that form the basis of life and can even have environmental uses.

For example, scientists discovered a bacterium called Thermus aquaticus in Yellowstone National Park that naturally produces Taq polymerase, an necessary enzyme in biochemical processes.

Because Hadesarchaea uses carbon from the atmosphere as an energy source, Baker believes that it could have applications in climate change. However, he will need to investigate the archaea further

to reveal their potential uses.

“At the moment, we are just getting our first glimpse as to what these archaea are doing,” Baker said. “This is just one piece of the larger puzzle.”

For Seitz, this journey of discovery is far from daunting.

“The more that I don’t know, the more I want to go in and look at what could be here,” Seitz said. “What have we just been missing?”

Baker is now studying the microbes that live alongside Hadesarchaea in estuaries and gold mines to better understand the ecosystem as a whole.

“We’re exploring the unknown,” said Baker. “We don’t know what we’re going to find. It’s kind of like flying spaceship to other planets.”

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“Even international organizations that are here to help tend to lock everyone into this identity of ‘refugee,’ [which] takes away the individual understanding of a person,” Pitchford said.

“While it can help to build identity, it can also help reaffirm the ‘refugee’ identity.”

Paul Bonin-Rodriguez, an associate theatre and dance professor and member of the PPP faculty, said Pitchford successfully exhibits the role of artist as citizen, a fundamental

part of the department’s mission statement.

“The theater programs he’s researching are trying to get people to a place of articulating what could and should be their rights as humans,” Bonin-Rodriguez said. “He’s looking at theater as a method of empowerment.”



Courtesy of Brad Pitchford
Eman, a 17-year-old Syrian refugee, threatens to throw a prop leg onstage. Eman acted in “Love Boat,” a play scripted to share the stories of Syrian refugees in Jordan.

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SOFTBALL

Texas falls to Bobcats behind poor defense

By Claire Cruz
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No. 24 Texas made the 30-mile trek down I-35 looking to improve its 12-game series winning streak over Texas State.

The Bobcats, however, had other ideas in mind.

The Longhorns struggled from the start, and Texas State took advantage. The Bobcats earned a 9-5 victory in front of a 1,011-person crowd, the second-largest in program history. The win was Texas State's first over Texas since 2010.

"Texas State is a good program," head coach Connie Clark told 105.3 FM after the game. "It comes down to competing, and they played hard. The challenge is where our mentality will be finishing out this week."

Texas State got the scoring started in the second inning with help from one of Texas' four errors. Senior second-inning baseman Stephanie Ceo misplayed a routine grounder to put sophomore right fielder Taylor Webb on first. Three Bobcat singles later, Webb got Texas State on the board.

The Longhorns (14-3) took a 2-1 lead in the top of the fifth behind the efforts of a pair of juniors, left fielder Stephanie Wong and third baseman Celina Felix. Both recorded one RBI. But the bottom half of the inning, is where the real damage occurred.

Junior lefty Tiarra Davis — who got the start in the



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Senior outfielder Lindsey Stephens attempts to make contact with the ball. Stephens and the Longhorns fell to Texas State on Wednesday, surrendering ten hits in a 9-5 loss. Texas struggled defensively, making four errors on the evening.

circle for Texas — left the game after giving up a walk and a double to start the fifth. Sophomore Paige von Sprecken entered the game in relief and gave up a three-run homerun to Webb, the first batter she faced. Four-straight walks and a Texas error in right field helped the Bobcats score seven runs in the frame and build a lead Texas couldn't overcome.

"You're not going to win playing the way we did tonight,

and we know that," senior center fielder Lindsey Stephens told 105.3 FM. "We can't let errors snowball, and we can't give up walks. We're going to learn from tonight and come back even stronger."

Stephens was the lone bright spot for Texas, going 3-for-3 with a walk and a RBI at the plate. She helped the Longhorns put together a late game rally, but the three-run seventh wasn't enough to erase a night full of defensive

errors and weak pitching.

Texas will face the Bobcats again on Mar. 30 at Red and Charline McCombs Field. The Longhorns now have a free weekend and will return to action on Mar. 8 against UTSA. Stephens said they won't be taking too much time off before then.

"We do have a couple of days off, but I doubt any of us will take all of those," Stephens said. "We can't stop grinding. We have to keep

working and sure up what happened tonight."

“You’re not going to win playing the way we did tonight, and we know that.

—Lindsey Stephens, Center fielder

BASKETBALL | COLUMN

Texas needs to show consistency, resiliency down the stretch

By Akshay Mirchandani
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Shaka Smart was worried on Sunday.

The Longhorns were coming off an emotional 76-63 win over then-No. 3 Oklahoma on Saturday, thanks in part to a 22-0 run.

But the text messages, pats on the back and constant congratulations to his team had the head coach nervous. He made it known, though, and reminded his team to stay focused for Monday's game against No. 1 Kansas — Senior Night.

The result? A deflating 86-56 loss to the Jayhawks at the Frank Erwin Center.

"I didn't know that we would be able to handle that level of success," Smart said. "I addressed it with the team, really tried to get them in the right place, but I was unsuccessful in stemming that tide."

There wasn't a lot to take from Monday's contest, but the one thing that was evident is the Longhorns need to handle success better.

It's not the first time Texas has struggled with that this season. After beating then-No. 3 North Carolina on Dec. 12, Texas came out flat against Appalachian State but were able to win thanks to the talent disparity. The Longhorns also beat then-No. 10 West Virginia

earlier in February but were run off their home floor by then-No. 24 Baylor in the next game.

"It's important to respond to adversity, and we got to get better at that as evidenced by the start of the Baylor game, the start of the Kansas game last night," Smart said. "But we also have to get better at responding when we do have success."

Monday certainly was a tough situation for the Longhorns with a two-day turnaround along with friends and families in town for Senior Night. But not competing against the No. 1 team in the land at home should never happen. The intensity simply

wasn't there.

"We just have to make playing defense a consistent thing for us," senior guard Javan Felix said. "When we play defense, we're at our best and doing really well — that's the biggest thing for us. Especially going into March."

This isn't the VCU team that went to the Final Four, which Smart called highly motivated and killers. Smart can try and make sure his players are ready to play all he wants, but at some point, they will have to take it upon themselves.

It's still unclear where Texas will finish in the Big 12 standings and what seed it will have for the conference

tournament. Perhaps more than any other team, the Longhorns could use a deep run in the Big 12 tournament to propel them into the NCAAAs with momentum.

But to do that, the Longhorns have to learn not to be satisfied with a single big win. They've shown the ability to do that after going on a winning streak in January, but it has to be consistent.

"You got to want more," Smart said. "I mean, yeah, we had a great win against Oklahoma. Terrific, congratulations, but you got to want more. And that's something that as a program we're going to need to make progress in."

BASEBALL

Redshirt freshman Denny ready to return after injury woes

By Michael Shapiro
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Kaleb Denny dug his cleats into the batter's box on a lazy Thursday night at UFCU Disch-Falk Field. With the score tied at 0-0 in the bottom of the second, the at-bat was seemingly inconsequential to the final result.

But to the redshirt freshman, it was everything.

"It was an awesome experience," Denny said. "It's been a long time coming, but it was great to finally be off the bench and back on the field again."

The at-bat marked the first time Denny appeared in a live game since his junior year of high school. He shined in his first three years at the high school level, playing at Barbers Hills High School in Mont Belvieu. The son of Longhorns legend David Denny — who holds Texas career records in hits, RBIs and doubles — Kaleb earned first team All-District honors as a sophomore and junior.

Denny looked primed to complete his senior season as one of the preeminent prospects in the nation. But a knee injury suffered as Barbers Hills' quarterback put Denny's collegiate baseball hopes in serious doubt.

The injury rehab was supposed to last just six months. But multiple setbacks forced Denny to sit out not only his senior year of high school, but also his freshman season for the Longhorns.

"The hardest part has been sticking with it," Denny said. "Going through the pain over and over again and having three surgeries was tough."

Denny's road to Disch was a painstaking one. Before even stepping foot on the field, Denny put in significant work in the weight room, attempting to regain strength in his leg. It did not go unnoticed by teammates.

"That kid has worked his tail off," junior catcher Tres Barerra said. "He's doing whatever it takes to get back on the field. The guys in the locker room see that."

The at-bat against



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Following three surgeries to repair his knee, redshirt freshman Kaleb Denny has appeared in four games for Texas in 2016. Denny didn't play in his senior year of high school in addition to the entirety of 2015.

Stanford set Denny's season in motion. He slapped a single into the outfield and reached base for the first time in nearly three years. Through three games into the 2016 season, Denny has appeared in four games, hitting .273 in 11 plate appearances. Head coach Augie Garrido said he plans to ease

Denny onto the field.

"We have to remind ourselves that he hasn't played in two-and-a-half years," Garrido said. "We've got some older guys like him who were very good out of high school that were hurt and had to come back slowly."

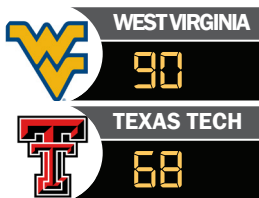
After over two-and-a-half

years off the field, Kaleb Denny is back. It's been a long period of setbacks, but Denny says he's ready to once again be the player he once was.

"I'm still healing and getting faster and getting stronger," Denny said. "But I absolutely think I can get back to where I was before."

SIDELINE

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TODAY IN HISTORY

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The Montreal Canadiens score 16 goals in a route of the Quebec Bulldogs, winning 16-3. The 16 goals still stands as the single-game record for an NHL team.

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Javan Felix
@JavanFelix3

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SPORTS BRIEFLY

Several Longhorns honored by Big 12

Multiple Longhorns were honored by the Big 12 on Wednesday, just ahead of this weekend's conference tournament.

Senior center Imani Boyette took home Co-defensive Player of the Year honors, sharing the honor with Oklahoma State senior guard Brittney Martin. It's the first time a Longhorn has won the award since it inaugurated in 2006. Boyette averaged 3.14 blocks per game this year to bring her career total up to 290.

The conference also selected Boyette to the All-Big 12 First Team. Sophomore guard Brooke McCarty joined her, giving Texas two such selections. Boyette and McCarty both lead Texas (26-3, 15-3 Big 12) in scoring with 12.0 points per game, respectively. McCarty shot a team-best 44.9 percent from three-point range in conference play.

Sophomore guard Ariel Atkins was named to the All-Big 12 Second Team despite missing the first nine games of the season recovering from ankle surgery. Atkins started in seven games and averaged 10.0 points per game. Senior guards Empress Davenport and Celina Rodrigo received All-Big 12 Honorable Mention nominations. Both players were regular starters, only missing two starts between the two.

McCarty and Atkins received All-Big 12 Freshman Team honors last year in addition to their respective awards this season.

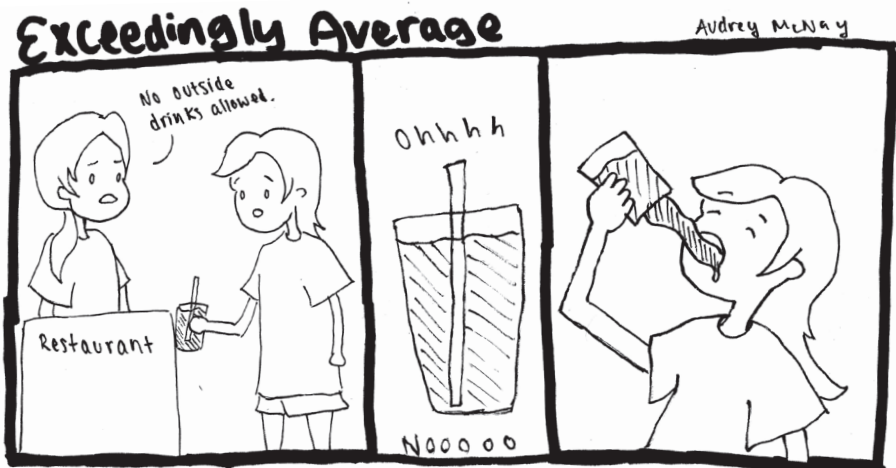
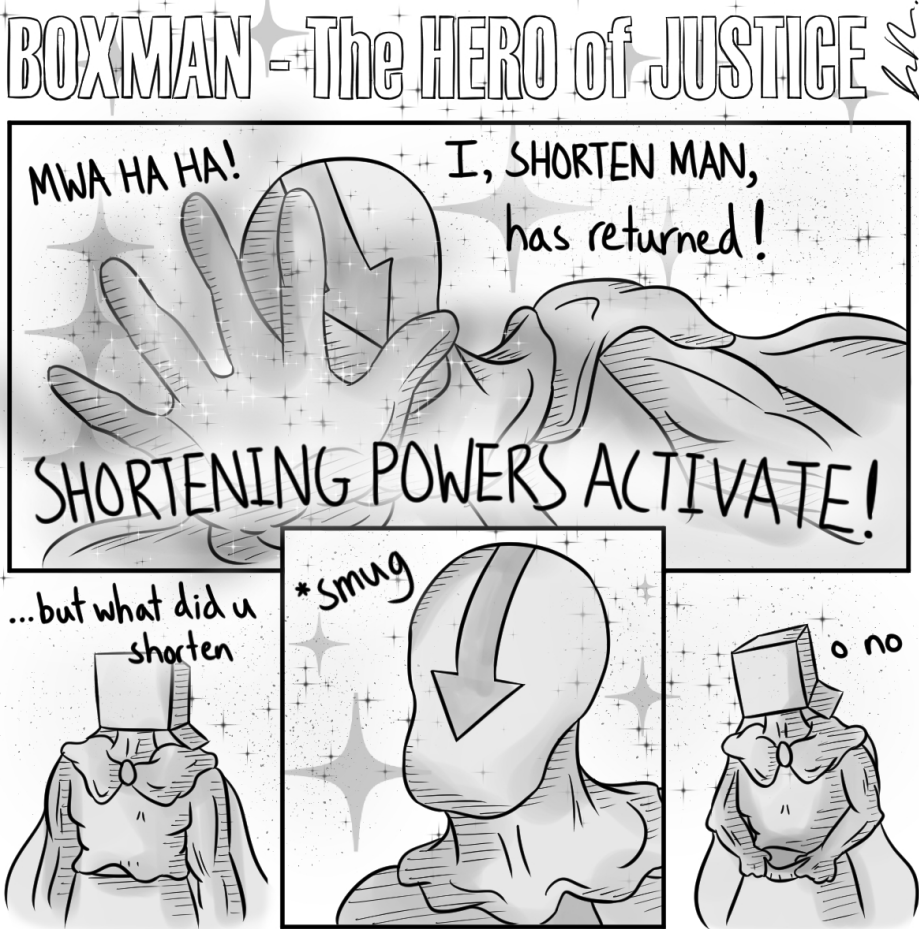
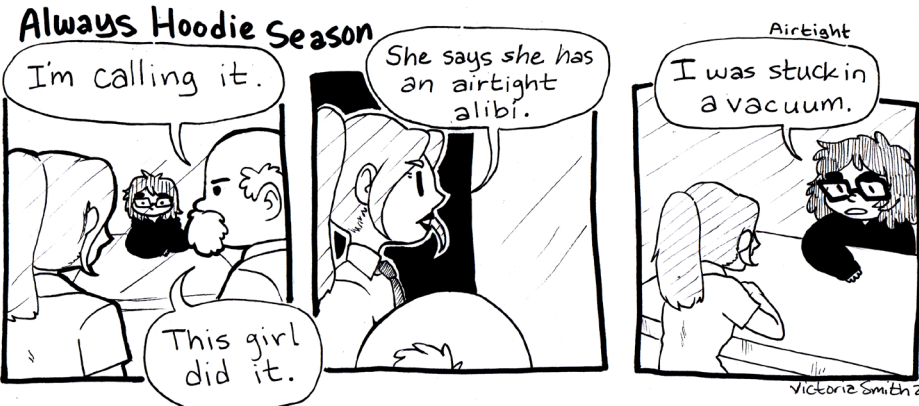
The Big 12 tournament begins for Texas on Saturday night at 6 p.m. The second-seeded Longhorns will play either TCU or Kansas.

—Tyler Horka



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Steve Buscemi approved, probably

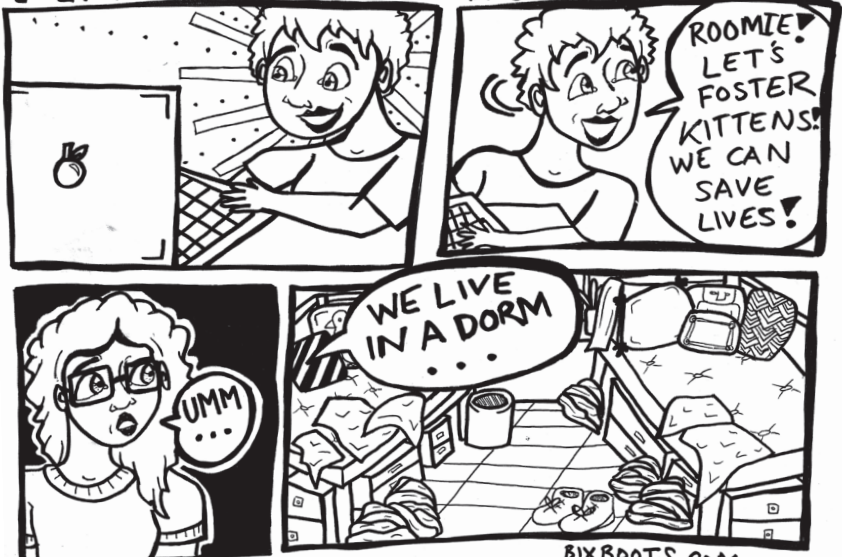


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BY BIX BOOTS



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The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz No. 0128

- ACROSS**

1 Stop daydreaming

7 Fowl territory?

11 Speaker's position?

14 Betray, in a way

15 Starting now

16 Bagel shop order

17 Lumberjack contests

18 Takes back

20 Response to "How'd you get the answer so fast?"

22 Boil

23 Dessert wine

24 Hirsuteness, for one

26 Both, for openers

29 Emulate Snidely Whiplash

31 Mineral suffix

32 Kind of separation

33 Twofold

35 Raises

36 Ostrichlike bird

39 Party staple suggested by connecting this puzzle's special squares

41 Mother of Eos and Selene

42 Available, as for work

44 Actress Laura of "ER"

46 "What surprise!"

47 Good name, informally

48 Pillowcases

52 High-end Swiss watch

53 Candidate of 1992 and 1996

55 Toolbar image

56 39-Across filler

58 Fishy deli order

60 Where service is lacking

63 Within walking distance, say

64 Approved

65 Church offering

66 It's found under an arch

67 Wide receiver Welker

68 Yellow stick

69 Became bitter

DOWN

1 Prepares to streak

2 Former liberal, informally

3 Present, groupwise

4 Like some skirts and lampshades

5 Tugboat's greeting

6 Word go

7 "Burlesque" co-star, 2010

8 Toddler's wear

9 This puzzle's special squares, e.g.

10 Van Gogh's "Portrait of — Tanguy"

11 Saecker of the elixir of life

12 Monsieur Marceau spoke the only one in all of Mel Brooks's "Silent Movie"

13 G.I. suppliers

19 Big name in games

21 Fire safety measure

25 Drawing room?

27 Take a dip

28 Ingrid's "Casablanca" role

30 Souvenir of a Russian trip

32 Mutes, with "down"

34 Homeboy

35 Babe

36 Simba's warning

37 Dyeing wish?

38 Frequent trip takers

40 Cannabis-using

43 "Feed —, starve —"

45 Spa offering

47 Out-of-studio broadcast

49 Want in the worst way

50 Team leader's concern

51 Was obviously asleep

53 Homework assignee

54 Home of Carthage Palace

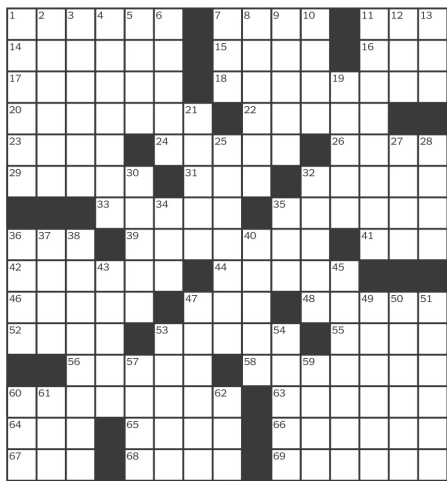
57 Words in an analogy

59 "Tsk, tsk" elicitor

60 Financial average

61 Just get (by)

62 One of TV's Huxtables



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RESEARCH

Microbe rules underground, extends tree of life



By Samah Khan
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Hades, the Greek god of the underworld, is no longer a myth. UT microbiologist Brett Baker recently exposed a genetically unique microbe in the subsurfaces of South Africa, Yellowstone National Park and North Carolina. Because it is found underground, Baker chose to name this microbe “Hadesarchaea” after Hades, the Greek god of the underworld.

Not only do these subsurface

microbes have a distinct name, but their genetic makeup gives scientists insight into the origins of humans and other complex organisms, according to Baker.

“The subsurface is the last frontier of understanding life on the planet because it hasn’t been studied extensively,” Baker said.

The archaea make up a group of microorganisms that scientists believe gave rise to eukaryotes, a class of multicellular organisms that includes humans. However, gaps existed in the theory linking archaea to eukaryotes. Baker bridged one of these gaps.

By sequencing and comparing the genomes of multiple Hadesarchaea, Baker and his team found that the microorganism produces energy through a metabolic process called carbon fixation. While carbon fixation is common in

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WORLD

Student sets stage for theater to become refugee coping mechanism

By Elizabeth Hlavinka
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80,000 people in Jordan’s Zaatari Refugee Camp sleep in temporary trailers, surrounded by crime, gangs and sexual violence. But in the heart of the camp, they find a way to transport themselves to an alternate reality: with a script, stage and set of props.

Syrian refugees are using theater to become active citizens in their community and escape the oppressive nature of the camps. Performance as Public Practice Ph.D. student Bart Pitchford is

studying the effects of theater on the refugees at three camps across Jordan.

“Theater is an extremely imaginative space,” Pitchford said. “It allows a person to picture a different future or world than the one they currently have. When you’re able to bring [that] to life on stage, it really allows you to reform and reshape what your world is.” In his dissertation, Pitchford observes the content, politics and audience of the plays. He said he hopes to develop criteria for open performances, which give the refugees a chance

to explore their own scripts, politics and futures, instead of prescribing to ideas that have already been created for them. If the play is done well, the refugees can establish a sense of self in a community that often strips them of their identity.

One play, for example, “Love Boat,” performs canonical texts such as “Don Quixote” with stories of the Syrian refugees threaded throughout the scenes.

The cast is made up entirely of refugees, and the stories they act out have actually happened to them. Eman, for

example, a 17-year-old Syrian refugee with prosthetic legs, acts out the moment she was injured during the bombing of her home in a comedy. She sits in her front lawn, stirring her tea, when a pilot arrives in a prop-plane to drop his bomb. After she loses her leg, Eman throws her prosthetic at the plane in anger, and it crashes onstage. She ends the scene by taking a sip of her tea and telling the audience it is the best tea she has ever tasted.

“Instead of identifying as a victim, she’s taking power and control over that story and

reimagining it in a way that gives her that power back,” Pitchford said. “At the same time, it prevents the audience from feeling a catharsis about the trauma — it forces them to recognize the politics behind this.”

Scott Blackshire, another Ph.D. candidate in the PPP program, said Pitchford’s work is important because it enables the refugees to break out of their prescribed roles and create their own identities.

“[Pitchford] is creating an intervention to help not only the people that need help in

telling their stories, but for the rest of the world, who need to hear their stories,” Blackshire said.

Non-governmental organizations, or NGOs, run the refugee theater programs. Pitchford said the organizations often have good intentions but create the performance scripts without specific context to the refugees’ experiences, culture or situation. He said “Love Boat” is a good example of a play that avoids the more paternalistic approaches these NGOs often take.


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All Longhorn,
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FOOD



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Savannah Marshall is an employee of Arlo’s, a vegan food truck found on Guadalupe and 27th streets. The truck stands out as an option for vegans as well as carnivores.

Vegan food truck on Drag dishes out fresh food for variety of tastes

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Nestled between Daito’s restaurant and Don’s solid black food truck, the orange, paisley printed design of Arlo’s food truck stands out from its surroundings, attempting to give its customers something different than its competitors.

Located on 27th and Guadalupe streets, Arlo’s provides an eatery for vegans and carnivores alike near campus. Seating is limited, with only three plastic tables to share between the two food trucks, but what the truck lacks in space it makes up for in flavorful meat-free and dairy-free food, a comfortable atmosphere and welcoming service. With locally sourced ingredients, the food truck caters to all, regardless of their dietary restrictions.

Employee Savannah Marshall said the truck’s appeal begins with the aesthetics, but the quality of the food makes it truly stand out.

“If you’re coming as a vegan or vegetarian, you can appreciate the food for that, and if you’re coming as a meat eater, you can just appreciate how good the food is,” Marshall said.

Marshall, a vegetarian, said each dish is made-to-order from scratch and customizable to accommodate for gluten intolerances.

While the truck is entirely vegan, it is not explicitly stated anywhere on it. Marshall said their food can appeal to every costumer, despite his or her dietary needs, and displaying such a detail can be dismissive to people who do not normally follow a vegan diet.

“People may see that cheese is spelled with a ‘z’ and chicken is spelled a little differently, but then they don’t really think about it,” Marshall said. “They just enjoy it.”

Business sophomore Jason Boisseaufalls under that category. A frequent customer for two months, Boisseau was

surprised to find out that the chicken was not real meat.

“I was vegetarian before I moved to Austin, but I quit. I liked the chicken here [before I knew it was fake meat],” Boisseau said. “They totally fooled me.”

Boisseau said one of the major appeals of the truck is the relaxed atmosphere and friendly staff.

“I live in West Campus, and I’ve been trying to find the best food trucks, and I always come back to this one,” Boisseau said.

Amberly Malone, a nutrition freshman and vegan, said what attracts her to the truck is the convenience and authentic taste, despite the substituted ingredients.

“I love that it tastes like regular, real food,” Malone said.

Malone said it is difficult to find both quick and enjoyable vegan cuisine. Although there can be a little bit of a wait because only one employee

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